

LEARNER CHARACTERISTICS BY LEARNING STYLE¹

Characteristics of Auditory Learners

- Like to be read to
- Sit where they can hear
- Are most likely to read aloud or subvocalize when they read
- Enjoy music
- Acquire information primarily through sound
- Are easily distracted by noises
- May not coordinate colors or clothes, but can explain what they are wearing and why
- Enjoy listening activities
- Enjoy talking
- Hum or talk to themselves or others when bored

Characteristics of Visual Learners

- Like to read
- Take copious notes
- Close their eyes to visualize or remember
- Are usually good spellers
- See what they are reading
- Tend to value planning and organization
- Are meticulous, neat in appearance
- Notice details
- Find something to watch when bored
- Find quiet, passive surroundings ideal

Characteristics of Kinesthetic Learners

- Use manipulatives
- Speak with their hands and with gestures
- Remember what was done but have difficulty recalling what was said or seen
- Will try new things
- Rely on what they can directly experience, do, or perform
- Tend to be messy in habits and dress
- Are uncomfortable in classrooms where they lack hands-on experience
- Like physical rewards
- Need to be active and in motion

¹ Florida's Bridges to Practice, "Now That I Know My Students' Style of Learning - What Do I Do?"; Retrieved June 2002: <http://www.floridatechnet.org/bridges/>.